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of Mounſieur the Duke of *Orleans*,

neere to *Castelnaud-Ary* the first

of *September*. 1632.

The names of many great Mounſieurs, Cap-
taines, and Commaunders ſlaine of the Duke of
Orleans ſide, and ſome of the Kings ſide.

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Another famous overthrow ſince gi-
ven (by that valiant old Proteſtant Soul-
dier, *Monſieur de la Force*, with onely
800. Foote, and 400. Horſe) to 3000.

Foote and 400. Horſe of the Duke

of *Orleans*, vnder the Commaund

of *Delbeuf*, one of the

Houſe of *Guiſe*.

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Haue alreadie sent word
vnto the King with speed
(of the which the Lord *Le*
Ferron was the bearer)
how the Castle of St. *Fe-*
lix de Carmaine , having
beene surprised by his E-
nemies, and the Towne
which had barricadoed it

selfe against the said Castle, having demaunded assi-
stance of me, I haue beene bound to engage the
Armes of his Majestie in the siege of this place, al-
though that (as he knoweth) I had neither Canons
nor necessaries, very few of the Infanterie, and saw

Monsieur the Duke of *Orleans* drew neere towards
 with the most part of his Forces, but I judged it so
 important, to cause to be knowne at the entrance of
 his Majesties Armes into this Province, that I would
 not refuse to giue protection to people that would
 serue him. As I passed over all these considerations,
 and God hath so favoured me, that after I had held
 the assieged compassed as strait as might be, the
 twelfth day, which was the last of *August*, they were
 constrained to Capitulate, and to depart out of the
 place the first of this Moneth. I sent to the King the
 Capitulation, and humbly entreated his Majestie to
 commaund, that the pardon which I haue promised
 to these people might be sent vnto me. I haue left in
 the Castle one Company of the Regiment of *Cham-*
blay, and committed the keeping of the Towne to
 the Inhabitants. Monsieur *de Raques* will certifie his
 Majestie of the importance of the place, and that it
 was of such a consequence to reduce it to his obedi-
 ence, as without this all the little Townes of *Laura-*
quez, would never be kept in their obedience. The
 happie end of this enterprise hath produced effects
 farre more advantageous, which were, that this hath
 obliged the Duke of *Orleans* and the Duke of *Mont-*
morency to set forward themselves with all diligence
 to succour this place, with 3000. foote, and 2000.
 horse. Many voluntary Nobles, and three peices of
 Canon, whereof having notice, and that they were
 but three myles off vs, I resolved with the advice of
 the Marquis *de Breze*, who made me the first propo-
 sition thereof, that at the same houre that the Capi-
 tulation of St. *Felix* should be finished, that I would
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goe directly to the enemy, with two designs, the one to Combate with them, the other to saue *Castelnau d'Ary*, which they made full account was theirs. The place of St. *Felix* being succoured, or sayling to follow their Army. Our determinations haue (thanks be vnto God) so prosperously succeeded, that arriuing halfe a mile from this Towne, the Marquis *de Brezé*, who conducted the head of the Army, certified me, that he saw that of the Enemy on the left hand within two Musquet shot of our way, and that he beleaved, that they being to passe a River, whose bankes were inaccessible, vpon a very long bridge; the designe of the enemies was to suffer halfe of our Armie to passe, which contained but a thousand horse, foure Companies of the Regiments of his Majesties Guards, and six of those of *Chamblay*, and then to set vpon the Arriere guard, and that there was vpon the same River a good passage two thousand paces higher, where if I pleased he would cause the Avant guard to passe over. I commended his judicious advice, and told him that he could not doe better than that he had propounded; Wee had gained the passage, and halfe of the Army was on the other side the River, before the enemies could judge what we would doe, in such sort, that all the troupes passed over, without the advancing forward of one man of the enemies to come vnto vs. The River being passed, we set our selues in Battaille-array in a great Field, and set all the baggage vpon our right hand towards *Castelnau d'Ary*. The enemies seeing they had sayled of their designe, resolved to passe the River, and to come lodge vpon our way of *Castelnau d'Ary*,

Ary, in places very advantageous for the Infanterie ; which seeing, I resolved to get before them, and place the Armie of the King betweene *Castlenau d'Ary* and the enemies, to charge them when I should see part of their people passed on this side the River. The place of Battaile which I sent the Lords *de l'Isle* and *Espernay* to view, seemed the fairest place in the world ; the which they having described vnto me, I caused the Armie diligently to set forward, and we had not leysure to set our selues in order, when seeing the enemies would haue passed in great haste, I resolved not to deferre, Charging them, and the foure Companies of the Regiment of his Majesties Guard having separated the body of the Battalia into two parts, the one to take the right hand of our Cavallerie, and the other the left ; and the two hundred and fiftie men of the Regiment of *Chamblay* being neere the said Battalia on the left hand, I caused the Avant Couriers to set forward, and we marched forthwith against the enemy, who were encamped along the high-way in houses and in ditches very advantageous, the discharge of the Infanterie being made, and likewise that of the enemies, our Cavallerie (in the front of whom the Marquis *de Breze* placed himselfe) would goe vnto them by the right hand and by the left, but the most part of them met with so great ditches, that it was impossible for them to passe.

The *Carabins* found a way more to the purpose then the other, and passing the first made their discharge vpon their enemies, which so strongly resisted them with their Infanterie, that they could not proceed

ceed further; *Arnauld* and *Bideyan* valiantly behaved themselves therein, and the last hath slaine the Lord *de la Fenillade*.

During these actions on both sides, Monsieur *de Lauriers* and *de Beau-regard Champron*, who sought a passage for to depart out of the field, and to enter into the way, found the passage very hard, and nevertheless resolved with themselves, to adventure into the way, where being descended, with the sonne of the said *Laurier*, and twelue or fiftene of their companions, the Duke of *Montmorancy* came to charge them with an hundred Gentlemen; They withstood the shooke, where the said Duke was hurt, the Count *de Rienx* slaine, and foure or fiue others borne to the ground; our Musquettiers discharging vpon the Cavallery, droue many of them from the fight, in such sort, that in an instant the Duke *de Montmorancie* was abandoned of all those that followed, except foure or fiue, the which he seeing, and being incensed with his wounds, he found meanes to depart out of the way, with those few that remained with him, and entring into the field, met my Company of men of Armes, gaue and received some blowes by sword and Pistoll in passing, and proceeded forward vntill he came before the Troupes of the Guards and *Chamblay*, where he being shot at by many Musquettiers, his Horse which had beene alreadie very much hurt by Monsieur *de Lauriers* fell, and he vpon him, where he was taken by the Officers and Souldiers of the Regiment of Guards.

The place as I haue alreadie said before, being found so hard for the Cavallery to passe, Monsieur
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the Marquis *de Breze*, and my selfe thought it fitting that having made one so successefull incounter, wherein were slaine so many men of qualitie, it was not necessary to hazard a second, and we having remained an houre on our place of fight, without any shew of the enemies advancing forward.

I commaunded that they should beginne to retire themselves towards *Castelnau d' Ary*, causing to retreat also the Companies of the Guards, and those of *Chamblay*.

The enemies moved not from their station, and I am come to lodge with all the Troupes in the Towne and Suburbs of *Castelnau d' Ary*, Monsieur the Duke of *Orleans* was present at the fight, notwithstanding they sought to hinder him.

The intelligence which I haue is that the taking of the Duke of *Montmorancie* doth so astonish their Armie, that the most part of those of *Languedock* retire themselves; and as for the Duke of *Orleans*, he is gone with the rest of his Armie towards *Besiers*.

I suppose there was never seene a Skirmish of so small durance, wherein so many men of quality were slaine, wounded, and taken Prisoners.

Those which are come to my knowledge, are the Duke of *Montmorancie*, wounded in seaven or eight places, and taken prisoner.

Monsieur the Count *de Mores*, shot through the body with a Musquet, whereof he is thought to haue dyed.

The Count of *Rieux* slaine.

The Count of *de la Feuillade* slaine.

Monsieur

Monsieur de Paylanrens hurt in the arme but flight.

Monsieur de S. Florent hurt and taken prisoner, and since dead.

The *Chevalier de Rare* hurt and taken.

Monsieur de la vne Cornet of *Sauneboenf* prisoner.

Monsieur de la None, dead as it is said.

Monsieur the Count *de Bueil* hurt and taken.

Monsieur de Rochedagon hurt.

Monsieur de Ovaill, Captaine of the Guards to the Duke of *Orleans*, hurt in the face.

Four Captaines of the Regiments of *Langue-dock* slaine.

There are divers other by the report of the Country people, which were carried away in four Wagons, whose names are not yet knowne.

On the Kings side.

There are none found to be hurt but the Lords of *Beauregard Champrou*, with a Pistol shot, and *Beauregard Blanchfort*, assistant of the *Campe*, who had his right arme broken with a Musquet.

Monsieur de Meneville and *de Gade*, Lieutenants of the Guards, slaine.

Five or sixe light Horse of divers Companies slaine.

Twentie Horses slaine and hurt.

The prudencie with which the Marshall *de Schomberg* hath conducted, and the courage which he hath shewed in the execution of this action, is not to be expressed.

Monſieur the Marquis *de Breze*, and many others which write thereof, report that they never ſaw a Generall more vigilant nor judicious, vpon occaſion more bold in the execution, wherein he is alſo no leſſe carefull in the conſervation of perſons which he commaunds there of his owne.

Lyons the 18. September.

THE Kings Forces vnder the commaund of Monſieur *de la Force* in *Languedock*, being poſſeſſed of the Towne of *Bocaire*, and laying ſiege to the Caſtle which was poſſeſſed by the Forces of the Duke of *Orleans*, which ſaid Caſtle would be very advantageous to the King, if he could gaine it. The Duke of *Orleans*, vnderſtanding that the Kings forces had laid ſiege to the ſaid Caſtle, reſolved to relieve the ſame with all ſpeed, ſpecially conſidering the ſaid Caſtle was but poorely provided either of Munition or Viſuals to hold out long. Wherefore he cauſed 3000. Foote and 400. Horſe to march towards it, with all manner of proviſion, both Munition and Viſuals for reliefe of the ſame, vnder a young, valiant, and vigorous Commander, called the Duke *Dalbouſe*, who made little account of any reſiſtance that the King had there to hinder his purpoſe. On the other ſide, that old and well experienced Souldier (though foureſcore yeares of age, and whoſe Army did conſiſt but of 800. Foote and 400. Horſe) vnderſtanding of the ſetting forward of his, and the Kings enemies (with ſo great and farre exceeding a number of Foote, and ſo well provided to offend) thought it
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not fit to continue in the Towne, and onely to make resistance by way of Defence. Now this braue Protestant Commaunder (who had beene alwayes faithfull and serviceable to his Prince) would not in his last dayes suffer either in Honour or fidelitie to his Prince, speedily drawes all his Forces out of the Towne, and goes to meete with his enemy, with his 800. Foote and 400. Horse. Vpon the approach of both Armies, the encounter was furious and bloudie, and continued long doubtfull, till at last the Army of Duke *Delbenfe* was quite overthrowne, and onely himselfe & two more escaped with their liues, all his whole Army being either kild or taken prisoners. I thinke the like Victory hath not beene obtained in the memory of man. Vpon this, *De la Force* returned againe with his prisoners and baggage to his siege of *Bocaire-Castle*, where it is suppoled the said Castle will not long hold out, but not onely that Castle, but also all those places which held out against the King, will likewise yeeld themselues.

It is reported that the Monsieur hath sent to the King his brother, to desire the life of *Montmorancie*, and that he may be restored to all his Honours and meanes, which they say, the King hath granted him. It is hoped, that there will be some accord made betweene the King and him very shortly.

F I N I S.